



Australia Awards

Myanmar

Applying for an Australia Awards scholarship

Australia Awards scholarships in Myanmar

Australia's international development assistance promotes a peaceful, stable and prosperous future for Australia and our region.

The Australia Awards program aims to support partner countries in achieving their development goals through education, knowledge exchange, and building enduring relationships with Australia. It equips emerging leaders with the skills, networks, and experience needed to contribute to sustainable development and foster international cooperation.

Applicants are assessed on their professional and personal qualities, academic competence and, most importantly, their potential to exercise leadership and impact on development challenges in eligible countries.

Applications from women, people with disability and other marginalised groups are encouraged.

Priority fields of study

The priority areas of study for Myanmar are:

- **Education** (e.g. Education policy, quality assurance and statistics, student learning assessment, education economics, technical and vocational education, and training (tvvet) and curriculum studies).
- **Public health** (e.g. Allied health, biosecurity and disease control, epidemiology, health economics and mental health).
- **Human rights and democratic governance** (e.g. Rule of law, political science and transnational crime, countering trafficking, peace, and security).
- **Gender equality, social inclusion and development** (e.g. Gender, disability, intersectionality, development, international human rights law, peace/conflict, humanitarian leadership, anthropology, and research).
- **Environment and natural resources** (e.g. Natural resource management, water resources, climate change, disaster risk management, environment, conservation, food security and livelihoods support).
- **Economic development** (e.g. Economics, financial analysis, international business, trade policy, public policy, tax, energy engineering).

Level of study

Australia Awards scholarships provide citizens of Myanmar with the opportunity to obtain a Master's degree from an Australian tertiary institution.

Please note that preference may be given to applicants who don't already have a Master's degree.

Australia Awards Mekong-Australia Partnership Scholarship

From 2026, additional Australia Awards Scholarships will be available for Myanmar, funded by the Australian Government's Mekong-Australia Partnership. More information about the [Mekong-Australia Partnership \(MAP\)](#).

The Australia Awards Mekong-Australia Partnership (AA-MAP) are prestigious international awards offered by the Australian Government to the next generation of leaders from Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, Vietnam and Myanmar to

undertake Masters level coursework or research in priority fields aligning with MAP's key thematic areas: water security, climate action, gender equality, disability equity and social inclusion (GEDSI), combatting transnational crime and economic resilience and subregional integration.

Scholars will have exclusive access to the Mekong Leaders Network, a dynamic on-award enrichment program that includes activities, events and development opportunities that foster collaboration and enduring connections between AA-MAP scholars across the Mekong subregion.

Australia Awards benefits

Australia Awards scholarships are offered for the minimum period necessary for the individual to complete the academic program specified by the Australian education institution, including any preparatory training.

Scholarship recipients will receive the following:

- return air travel
- a one-off establishment allowance on arrival
- full tuition fees
- contribution to living expenses
- introductory academic program
- overseas student health cover for the duration of the scholarship
- supplementary academic support,
- fieldwork allowance for research students and masters by coursework which has a compulsory fieldwork component.

Application dates

For study commencing in Australia in 2027:

Opening date: 1 February 2026 (09:00 AEDT)

Closing date: 30 April 2026 (14:00 AEST)

Applications and/or supporting documents received after the closing date will not be considered.

Eligibility criteria

Australia Awards applicants must meet all eligibility requirements detailed in the [Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook](#).

Country-specific conditions

In addition to the eligibility requirements, candidates from Myanmar must also meet the following conditions:

- Be a citizen and resident of Myanmar.
- Have completed a Bachelor's degree.
- A valid passport or the ability to apply for, and receive, a passport should the applicant receive a scholarship offer.
- Be able to legally depart to study in Australia and return to Myanmar upon completion of study.
- Have at least four years of work experience. This may include internships, volunteering, part-time or full-time work.
- Don't already have a Master's degree in the same field the applicant is applying for.
- Don't already have, or be enrolled, in an international Master's degree.
- Provide all the required supporting documents listed under *Supporting Documents* section below.
- Declare all previous or current study, including incomplete study. Declarations must include all study regardless of whether it was undertaken in Myanmar or another country.
- Satisfy all requirements of the Australian Department of Home Affairs to hold a Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) supported student visa. More information can be found on the Department of Home Affairs website: [Subclass 500 Student visa](#).

Any application which shows evidence of plagiarism will not be accepted. Applicants and intended accompanying dependent family members (including carers) must assess their own situation and consider whether they are confident they could safely

and legally depart and return to Myanmar. All offers are conditional pending on applicants satisfying the [Subclass 500 Student visa](#) requirements of the Australian Department of Home Affairs.

While successful applicants may be accompanied by dependent family members under the [Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook](#), dependent family members must satisfy the [Subclass 500 Student visa](#) requirements of the Australian Department of Home Affairs.

English language requirements

It is an Australia Awards policy requirement that applicants must achieve an International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Academic score of 6.5 or higher (with no individual band score of less than 6.0) or an equivalent Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or Pearson Test of English (PTE) score prior to mobilisation.

Australia Awards Myanmar does not require applicants to submit a valid International English Language Testing System score as part of their application. However, shortlisted applicants will be invited to submit a valid International English Language Testing System score that satisfies the English language requirement of the nominated Australian institution, prior to interview.

Shortlisted applicants who do not satisfy the English language requirement of their nominated Australian institution will not proceed to interview. Australia Awards Myanmar will reimburse the cost of the International English Language Testing System test for shortlisted applicants, regardless of the outcome.

The application process

Online applications

All applications must be lodged online through [OASIS](#).

Applicants must use their full name exactly as it appears on their passport, including first, middle, and last names.

Applicants must not use nicknames, shortened versions, or abbreviations of their names.

Applicants must submit all the relevant supporting documents listed in the table below, using official templates provided by [Australia Awards Myanmar](#).

Find a university and course

Applicants must have researched their preferred courses and ensure that their courses are included on the [Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students \(CRICOS\)](#) website, which is the official Australian Government website that lists all Australian education providers and registered courses for overseas students.

Supporting documents

Required document	OASIS document type	Certified
National Registration Certificate (NRC) or passport. You must provide notarised copies if the documents are not in English. Passports are preferred and will be required by mobilisation.	Proof of citizenship	Yes
Tertiary degree certificates (Bachelor and Master's level if applicable). You must provide notarised copies if the documents are not in English.	Degree certificate	Yes
Academic transcripts (grades from previous study). You must provide notarised copies if the documents are not in English.	Academic transcript	Yes
Referee reports (with official stamp if available): one Academic referee report (if available). one Employment referee report (or two if no academic referee report is available)	Referee Report	No
Curriculum Vitae	Other document	No
Development Impact Plan	Other document	No

Required document	OASIS document type	Certified
Research proposal and evidence of communication with potential supervisor providing in-principle support for research proposal (only for applicants selecting Master by research).	Other document	No

Supporting documents must correspond to the **official templates provided by [Australia Awards Myanmar](#)**. Outdated templates will not be accepted.

Applicants are encouraged to demonstrate how their chosen course of study builds on their work experience, and how their study will be applied on return to Myanmar. In particular, applicants must submit the appropriate **Development Impact Plan (DIP)**:

- For **Australia Awards Scholarships (AAS)**, the DIP must follow the AAS template for the current year.
- For **Australia Awards Mekong-Australia Partnership (AA-MAP)**, the DIP must follow the MAP-specific template.
- For both **AAS and AA-MAP**, applicants must submit both DIP templates correctly.

Applicants who have already obtained IELTS, TOEFL or PTE academic results are encouraged to submit their scores at the application stage. The test result must have been obtained after 30 April 2025 and have an overall IELTS (Academic) score of at least 6.5 (with no individual band less than 6.0), or an equivalent TOEFL or PTE score.

The selection process

- Applications will be shortlisted after eligibility checking. Only shortlisted applicants will be notified of the outcome.
- Shortlisted candidates will be invited to submit a valid IELTS score that satisfies the English language requirement of the nominated Australian institution, ahead of interview.
- The selection process includes an interview. Applicants will be assessed against the following criteria:
 - academic competence
 - potential outcome, specifically the contribution to development outcomes in Myanmar
 - professional and personal leadership attributes including relevant work experience
 - a valid IELTS score that satisfies the English language requirements of the nominated Australian institution
- Successful candidates will be notified in late 2026.
- Awardee travel will be subject to meeting the requirements imposed by the Australian Government, as determined by the Department of Home Affairs, Department of Education and by the relevant Australian State or Territory governments.

Preparatory training

Successful applicants will be required to attend:

- course counselling
- pre-departure briefing
- university's Introductory Academic Program
- other required preparatory study on arrival in Australia.

Further information

More general information about the Australia Awards, Australia's aid program, and studying in Australia can be found at the following links:

- [Australia Awards Scholarships](#)
- [Mekong-Australia Partnership \(MAP\)](#)
- [Study in Australia](#)

Information about visas and Australia Awards scholarship entitlements and conditions can be found in the [Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook](#).

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